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అనువైన పరిశ్రమలనే నడుపుతున్నారు. కాని పనిపాటలు చేసుకొనిజీవనభృతిని ఆర్జించుకొనే క్రింది తరగతి స్త్రీలకు ఉపయోగించే పరిశ్రమలను నడపడం లేదు. ఇకముందైనా అట్టి పరిశ్రమలను ఈ కేంద్రాలలో ఏర్పాటు చేస్తారా ?"

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—"ఈ కేంద్రాలలో అందరు స్త్రీలు, తరతమబేధాలు లేకుండా పనిచేసి ఆర్జించుకొనుటకు అవకాశం ఉంది. క్రింది తరగతివారు కూడా పనిచేయుటకు వీలైనటువంటి spinning and weaving పరిశ్రమలు కూడా ఈ కేంద్రాలలో ఏర్పాటుచేయబడినవి."

JANAB M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that some women welfare centres are located in centres where there are no women students available within a radius of a mile? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Women welfare workers are intended to go about in the villages and do ameliorative work and see that the womenfolk there gain up-to-date knowledge in various subjects."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know the industry encouraged in the Srikakulam district? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Soap making and towel weaving."

Collection of water-tax by the Kozhikode Municipality.

9-50 a.m. * 403 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the year from which the Kozhikode Municipality has been collecting water-tax;

(b) the total amount of water-tax collected so far;

(c) the year in which the scheme for protected water-supply was sanctioned for Kozhikode Municipality;

(d) the year in which the work was started;

(e) the amount of expenditure incurred so far;

(f) the estimated cost of the scheme originally sanctioned;

(g) the amount that would approximately be required to complete the scheme;

(h) the stage to which the work has progressed;

(i) the year in which the scheme of water-supply is expected to be opened;

(j) whether it is a fact that the water-supply could not be opened because at the last moment it was found that the iron content of the water was above normal;

(k) whether the water was tested before the scheme was approved and work started;

(l) whether the Government have received any representations to find out the officers responsible for this muddle and deal with them properly;

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(*m*) if so, whether the Government have taken any and if so, what step; and

(*n*) if not, whether the Government will look into the matter and deal with the officers responsible for this sorry state of affairs of Kozhikode Water-supply Scheme?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The water tax is being collected from 1st April 1936.

" (*b*) The amount would be about Rs. 7·45 lakhs.

" (*c*) The plans and estimates for the scheme were sanctioned in 1938.

" (*d*) The work was started in the year 1939.

" (*e*) The amount of expenditure incurred on the scheme is about Rs. 17·45 lakhs.

" (*f*) The estimated cost of the scheme as originally sanctioned was Rs. 14·78 lakhs and this was revised as Rs. 17·5 lakhs in 1946.

" (*g*) The immediate improvements to the scheme will cost about Rs. 4·0 lakhs and provision of mechanical filters, if required later, may cost a further sum of Rs. 3·0 lakhs.

" (*h*) The scheme has been completed as sanctioned. Treatment works for the removal of iron from water has to be taken up.

" (*i*) The supply of water to the town is expected to be given in 1953–54.

" (*j*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*k*) The answer is in the affirmative. The quality of the water at the source was tested from an experimental well and a boring at an earlier stage in 1919 and 1936 and the water obtained was pronounced satisfactory.

" (*l*) & (*m*) The Government have not received any representations in the matter.

" (*n*) The Government look into the matters as and when they arise."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the iron content was normal when the test was carried out and it increased afterwards, or is it a fact that it was not properly tested even in the first instance? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As I said already, it was tested in 1919 and again in 1936. At that time the analysis did not show any iron content in the water. It was only after the pumping installation started work in 1951, it was found that there was an excessive percentage of iron in the water."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as the whole muddle and difficulties have been brought about on account of the incompetence and negligence of the officers of this Government,

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will this Government at their expense do the further things necessary so that the Kozhikode municipality will have its water-supply at an early date? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The matter will be given consideration."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that water tax is being collected from 1936 onwards and no water-supply is mode so far, will the Government stop levying this water tax till supply of water is made? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That cannot be done."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Whatever be the findings and the mistakes made in the past, are the Government aware that there is only one major tank for the supply of water for the whole Kozhikode town? When there was a slight failure of monsoon year before the last, water in the town had to be rationed, and there was very actute scarcity of water. Do the Government propose to take immediate steps to tap alternative sources? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. As early as possible the treatment works will be installed, and water will be made available to the people."

SRI A. APPU :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that large quantities of lead were taken away from the custody of the engineering staff, and, if so, who is responsible for the loss, and do the Government propose to take any departmental action against the officers who were responsible for the theft? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are these testing experts still in Government service? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The sanitary engineers of that time are no longer in service. They have retired."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" What is the result of the latest analysis about the iron content of the water? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The analysis shows that there is an excessive amount of iron, and it is not fit for either drinking or for industrial purposes unless it is treated."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Law, who was the Chairman then, be able to give us an insight into what has happened? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" If the hon. Member comes to my house, I shall answer."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I do not want private information. I want public information." (Laughter.)

* 404 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the importance of my question, I would like it to be taken up to-morrow for answer."